VS GUI User Guide Addendum

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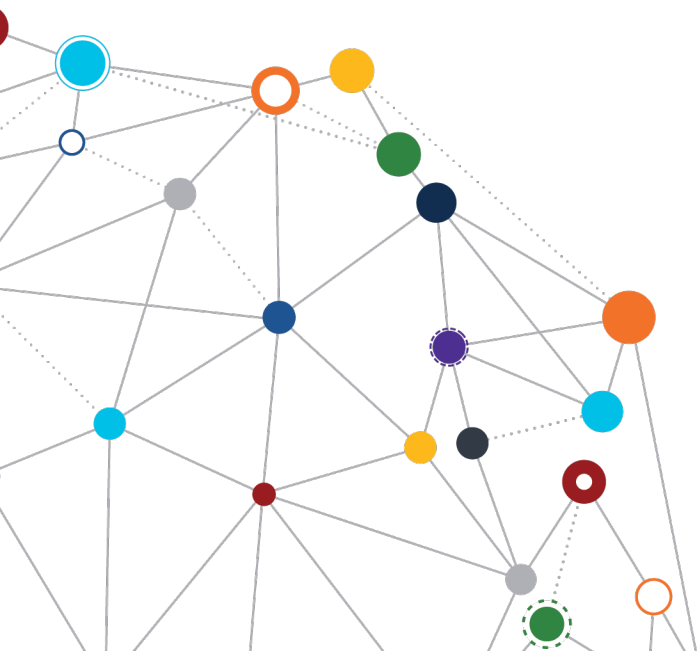
Revision History

Date	Revision	Description	Author
11/10/2022	1.0	Created Release Documentation	VSE PMO
11/23/2022	1.1	Updated the document to reflect VS GUI Increment 1.7.33.1	VSE PMO

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1 Introduction

Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Veterans Health Information Systems and Technology Architecture (VistA) Scheduling Graphical User Interface (VS GUI) module is the Windows GUI version of the Patient Information Management System (PIMS) Scheduling module. It provides appointment management functions included in PIMS Scheduling, but with the added convenience and usability of a GUI.

1.1 Purpose

The Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Office of Integrated Veteran Care (IVC) requested an enterprise enhancement for the VS package that supports COVID-19 response. The enhancement reduces operating costs for VHA and improves operational efficiencies, resulting in patient-centered access to care, coordinated care, increased customer satisfaction, and the reduction of excessive cycle/wait time for scheduling patients.

1.2 Overview

VS GUI is a software module that allows schedulers to make appointments quickly by viewing multiple appointment request types and multiple clinics in one screen. A scheduler can easily view patient requests for service, find the next available open appointment, view the provider's availability in multiple clinics, and track a patient's appointment process. Refer to **System Summary** for a more detailed description of VS GUI functionality.

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1.4   Project References

1.4.1   Information

The VS GUI points of contact (POCs) include:

- » IVC Program Office – ==Redacted==
- » TeleHealth & Scheduling Technical Director ==– Redacted==
- » IVC Emerging Technologies Acting Legacy Program Manager – ==Redacted==

VSE Resources

- » Veterans Health Administration (VHA) VSE SharePoint: ==Redacted==
- » VA Software Document Library (VDL) – Scheduling (VSE manuals near the bottom): ==Redacted==
- » National Return to Clinic (RTC) Order: ==Redacted==

2   System Summary

The VSE project delivers a series of enhancements to legacy VistA Scheduling Version 5.3 via the VistA Scheduling (VS) Graphical User Interface (GUI) application.

This update is for the nationally released version 1.7.33.1, which includes VS GUI 1.7.33.1 and VistA patch SD*5.3*827. At time of publishing, install period is projected for December 2022.

VS GUI Release 1.7.33.1 contains user facing changes as well as several back-end fixes. Major enhancements include updated navigation within the RM grid to meet 508 requirements, a splash screen notification to advise users of changes in application behavior, and the filtering of users expired, non-authentication PIV certificates. Additionally, Gender Identity has been updated to Birth Sex in the Patient Info screen and a few minor issues surrounding service/specialty requests have been fixed. The back-end changes include Remote Procedure Call (RPC) updates as well as several new RPCs created to support future functionality.

3   Key Feature Update in Version 1.7.33.1

3.1   Updates RM Grid Navigation

As of this release, users navigating through the RM grid will be able to single click a request and arrow through the requests without the calendar beginning to load. <u>The calendar will now load on a double-click of a request or by hitting enter on a request in context to meet 508 requirements</u>.

3.2   Created Notification to Advise Users of Changes in Application Behavior

A notification has been created to advise users of the change in behavior in the RM grid. The pop-up will appear after the user logs in and will continue to pop-up after login until the user selects the Hide Notification check box.
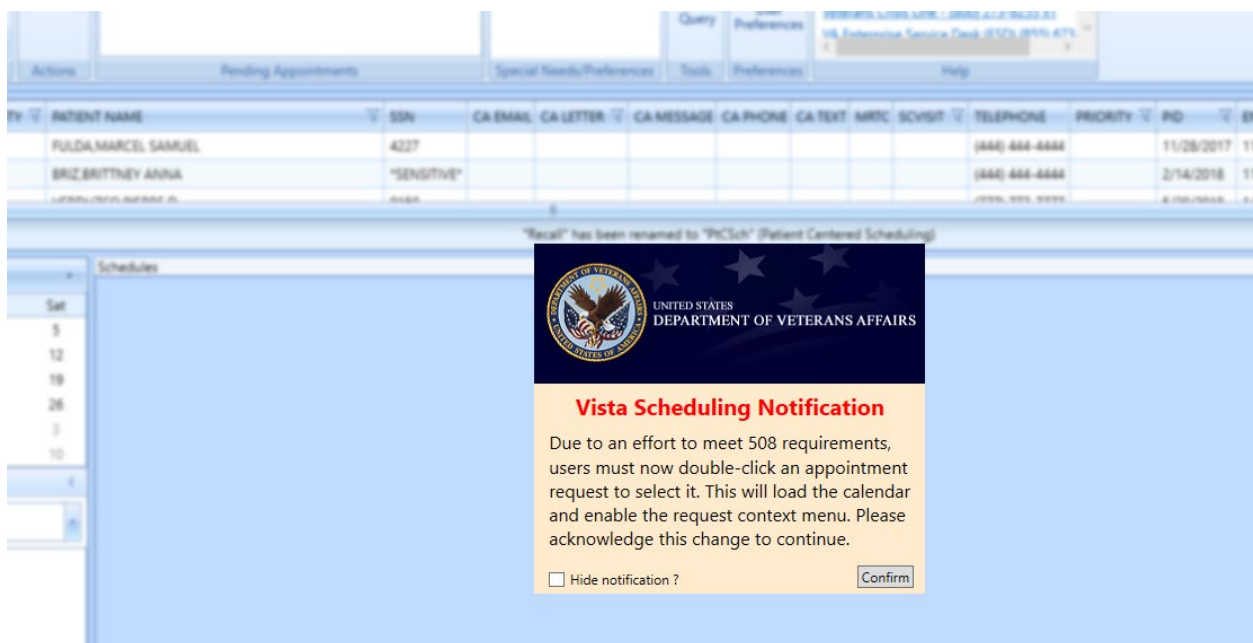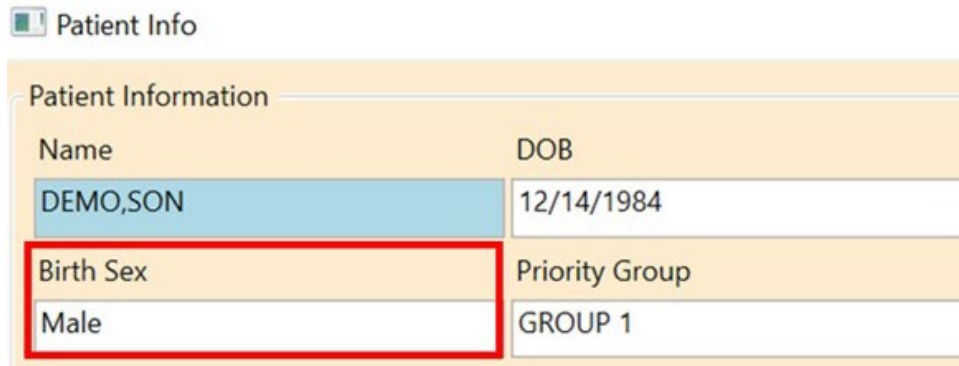

Figure 1: Image of displayed pop-up box to advise users of changes in application behavior.

3.3   Filters out expired, non-authentication PIV certificates

As of this release, VS GUI will filter out expired, non-authentication PIV certificates to minimize the number of certificates the user must scroll through to select the correct one.

3.4 Displays Birth Sex in Patient Info

As of this release, the Patient Info screen has been updated to show Birth Sex.

Figure 2: Image displaying Birth Sex Box.

3.5 Context Menu Disabled in RM Grid

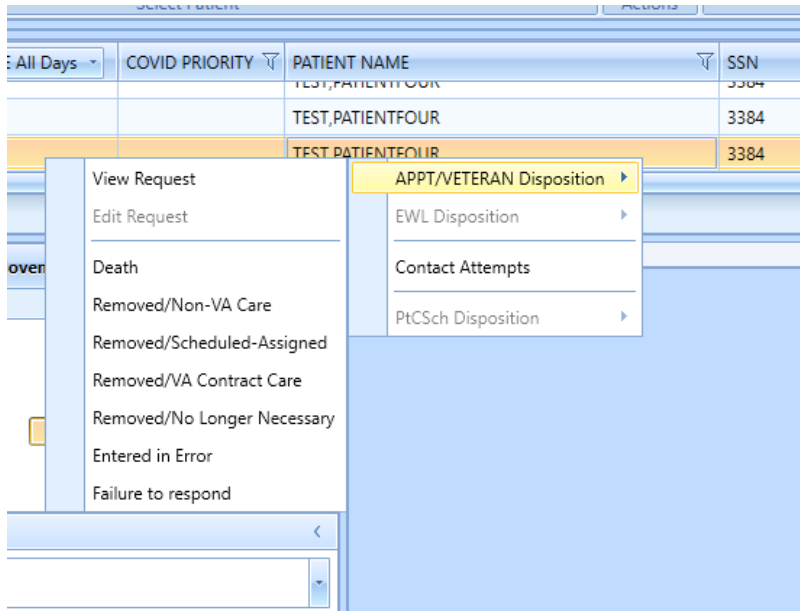The user must double-click a row in the RM Grid to enable access to the right click context menu.

Figure 3: Image displaying Context Menu Disabled in RM Grid.

3.6   Clinic Groups Show Start Times of All Clinics

The start times of all clinics within a clinic group now show in the calendar as expected.

Figure 4: Image displaying the start time of all clinics within a clinic group now showing in the calendar.